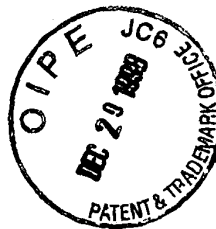


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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masayuki MARUTA et al.
Serial No.: 08/815,592 Group: 1714
Filed: March 12, 1997 Examiner: T. Yoon
For: POWDER COATING

Date: December 29, 1998

Docket No.: 1422-297P

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Sir:

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 29, 1998 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 2-7 and 22-36 and the Advisory Action dated December 8, 1998 which additionally rejected claim 37.

— The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

— A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

— is submitted herewith (— original — photocopy).

— was previously submitted on _____.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

— NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$_____ is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

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X An extension of one (1) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on November 30, 1998. Thus a fee of \$ 270.00 is required to obtain an additional one (1) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

X Large entity - \$300.00

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Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$ 570.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

X A check in the amount of \$ 570.00 is enclosed.

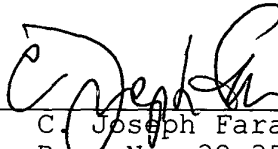
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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